ELECTION NIGHT 2004 - VARIOUS NETWORKS - 4:40 A.M E.T - 5:58 A.M E.T

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From Wendsday, November 3rd 2004 various network coverage of election night 2004. by 4:40 A.M President Bush was on the verge of victory. However, Ohio's 18 electoral votes were holding things up. Senator Kerry would concede to Bush at 11:00 A.M that morning. The Presidential Election was the first held since 9/11 and the backdrop of the Iraq war. President George W. Bush was re- elected for a second term.

- Coverage runs from 4:40 A.M E.T - 5:58 A.M E.T
- Republican: President George W. Bush (Texas)
- Democrat: Senator John F. Kerry (Massachusetts)
- Popular Vote - Bush: 62,040,610, Electoral Vote: 286
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  - Popular Vote - Kerry : 59,028,444 Electoral Vote: 251

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blue when you look at that i'm not sure why we ended up with blue for democrats in red for republicans it used to be the other way around because those are the two colors of more match their ideology tim well it's now 221 for john kerry 269 for george bush but the kerry campaign says no don't give them ohio it's 249. michigan wisconsin new hampshire continued to lean carry what you give him is 252. iowa nevada new mexico lien bush would be 266 plus the 20 from ohio would give him his 269. no one's at 270. uh we're still waiting with six states still outstanding the kerry campaign says seven states outstanding including yeah and what they're doing here they're like somebody who has to keep drawing the right face card they just drew another face card that works for their hand and whether they can get it all the way out to what they need to get to is what we have to wait and determine we'll be back from democracy plaza decision 2004 in a moment [Music] the members of the cary camp john kerry himself also huddled up behind closed doors and as kelly wright pointed out earlier tonight that we should not be expecting any statement from john kerry until about 10 o'clock rising divisive figure et cetera et cetera this might be a place where he doesn't want to continue uh uh stepping on toes he was there probably i would think massaging whatever statement he's going to make to make it as palatable as possible to as many people as possible george i'm going to ask while we're talking here for a moment our political unit to try to reach out and see how conservatives if we can if we can compute that in any way how conservatives voted because if you read some of the conservative commentary in like american conservative magazine other places over the last days and weeks you would have found a group of americans deeply dissatisfied with a conservative president i think that's right they're dissatisfied about deficits and then

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dissatisfied about deficits and then they think of john kerry and vote anyway they're dissatisfied about the medicare and prescription drug entitlement and then they say to themselves three times supreme court supreme court supreme court and voted for mr bush anyway so it seems to me that that the the conservative

anxieties and dissatisfactions though real are at the margin so so cokey roberts one of the challenges for the republican party in the next four years is to build on the base that's been so successful for mr bush this time include the conservatives and perhaps include more of the center well i i think that is going to be a challenge if the president chooses to to do that and i think he probably will choose to do that but he certainly doesn't have to given the results of this election uh given the the gains in both the house and the senate and his own apparent popular vote victory he he can continue to govern the way he has been it's my guess that because he was so trained by his father's defeat to guard his base and to not lose the conservatives no matter what and in our exit polls by the way he did the conservatives were 33 percent of the voters he won 83 and uh so i think that uh now he if he's never going to run again so depending on what he wants to do if what he wants to do is make a big paradigm shift in the country and make it a more conservative country that's one thing if what he wants to do is leave a legacy as a uniter not a divider that's another thing it's already a more conservative country george than people ever would have imagined 10 years ago and the rest of the world hasn't quite come to grips with that yet but the the liberal years in america at least for the moment are over i think that's right although you have to understand this is a president who's increased to discretionary domestic spending faster than anyone since lyndon johnson he has

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he has enlarged the welfare state more than anyone since lyndon johnson so there's a there's a clear sense in which he could turn around to the country and say what do i have to do to show that i have some openings toward the senate well i think that uh because of this somewhat disputed uh uh business with ohio we're probably not laying out uh the situation quite as uh clearly with regard to the overall picture this is a dramatic defeat for the democratic party uh the president and the republican party have made very significant gains everywhere the president has as george stephanopoulos has mentioned uh often a new legitimacy because of the popular vote and i think the legacy that president bush is looking for is the one that they talked about a couple of years ago which was remaking the the politics of the country a kind of william mckinley mark hannah realignment of the country now not everybody's gonna get that one the late the late 19th century an attempt to create a permanent republican majority which will be done through redistricting through state legislatures through control of the house and the senate through control of the supreme court so but refereed hold it for just a second because one of the things that's surely going to be said about the republican party for all of its success this year with its base the base hasn't grown very significantly you don't need it to grow that significantly if you can use the instruments of government and they will have a majority of the state houses the majority of the governorships and all three branches of government to entrench that permanently in a way that makes the democratic party the permanent minority party that i think that is more likely to be the goal of karl rove and george w bush than to have you know a little bit of nice press uh from the media about about bipartisanship michael beschloss do you think this is becoming the right nation as someone has called it oh it is becoming a more conservative country and i think people are proud probably a little bit misguided if they think that

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little bit misguided if they think that george bush is going to move to the center i didn't know where that was coming from either to be honest yeah because you know you think about 2000 you know if anyone was going to be at the center here was someone who won in a disputed election you know came in with as narrow margin as you could possibly have that would have been a time that you might have expected someone to come in and appoint democrats to the cabinet maybe be more moderate than he had expected because the margin was so narrow instead george bush said essentially i'm going to govern as if i had a margin you know is if i won with 60 in 2000 so after this re-election i think he will feel that that's sort of a sign of his success and move on in the same direction so so uh last word i think on this for the moment at least to you george stephanopoulos where did this notion i've heard it two or three times tonight though michael contradicts it this idea that mr bush might suddenly step closer to the center is there any indication that he feels a more natural affinity for the center not much except in his rhetoric saying he wants to be united not a divider but but i'll i'll take the other side for just a second for two reasons number one iraq he's got a big bill

coming for iraq at the beginning of the year he's got a hundred another seven another 70 billion probably and he's got 140 000 troops there he's going to need bipartisan support from at least some democrats on the issue of iraq number two the second issue is social security private accounts for social security he's not going to be able to push that and he won't want to push that with just republican votes he'll want to reach out to democrats on that issue so you might have a counter-intuitive somewhat ironic twist when president bush appears to need to go to the center after his first election he doesn't when it appears he doesn't have to move to the center after a second election he does just before i come back to iraq i see that george will is uh taking off his harness so i'd like you to get a picture of him taking off his harness george it's okay you're going i hope it's a pressing engagement you've done a great job thank you very

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you've done a great job thank you very much indeed we would not have had we would not have had as interesting an evening on this and many other occasions had it not been for george will george stephanopoulos let me bring you back to this question of iraq vice president cheney said any number of times in this campaign that things are going great in iraq that everything's on track interact i don't know many people who actually believe that to be perfectly honest and whether it's sold in the campaign or not i do not know the president and the country may well be in for a very rough ride and some of the darker more bloody days we see seeing right on the edge of it right now there's been so much talk recently in the last 10 days or so of an impending move on the city of fallujah that hotbed of the terrorists we've been bombarding it every day a lot of talk about another ground operation that is likely to be bloody house-to-house combat uh in fallujah and we're we're no closer to seeing a reduction of american troops there than we were a year ago and it was of course the original intention uh of the bush administration to try to get a hundred thousand of those troops out within the first year you make a very interesting point about the war and the president needing democratic votes as well as republicans in the senate it i i see no apparent reason tonight why democrats will cease to fight the president on the questions of the war some on the other hand there are some democrats let's take senator joseph right the ranking democrat on the senate foreign relations school he might have been the secretary of state and again well let me just erase it i'm glad you brought that up he was on my program a couple weeks ago and i asked would he be willing to serve as secretary of state under president bush if president bush won again and he didn't say no and i would just think nbc we have made the judgment that the president is the winner in the state of ohio and it's 20 electoral votes putting him just one vote shy of what he needs 270 but we are not the arbiters of this we do not declare who is the president because we don't

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who is the president because we don't have the power we just give you our best judgment and part of our best judgment at the moment is that this is an open contest in ohio because of what the kerry people have decided is a premature judgment on our part that's every bit their right and their obligation to their supporters and also to themselves and so we'll have to see all that plays out we'll be back with more i'm not sure what more means but we'll be back with more from democracy positive decision 2004 after this [Music] what's in a name as it turns out said could you please color it red they also are reaching out to the secretary of state of ohio to try to get information from him to try to get him to make it clear 10 wisconsin been out there for a very long time in the state of suspension still don't know which way it's going to go iowa with seven electoral votes very close there they've stopped counting for the night may start counting sometime mid-morning we don't know new mexico they're still counting five electoral votes there the provisional ballots could underscore the word could be a factor in new mexico as time goes along ohio is where it is which is to say john kerry cannot win unless he carries ohio if he carries ohio he would be in the hunt if he could then if he carries ohio if he then carries wisconsin and iowa that would be 17 and 20 37 that would put him over the top and then some anthony mason is monitoring last night's vote anthony unlike florida in 2000 ohio in 2004 has some experience with professional provisional ballots tell us about that dan that's right i mean we've been talking a lot now in the last few hours about the kerry campaign pinning its

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about the kerry campaign pinning its last hopes in ohio on these provisional ballots well while provisional ballots are new in a lot of states this year ohio has used them before and in the 2000 election it's interesting to note that when when a hundred thousand provisional ballots were cast in ohio about ninety percent of those were found to be legitimate that's one reason why the kerry campaign may be holding out some hope here ohio secretary of state ken blackwell says there could be as many as a hundred and seventy five thousand provisional ballots this time though that's still it's important to know just an estimate blackwell has said it'll be impossible to declare a winner until those 175 thousand provisional ballots are counted a process that may not begin for 11 days and if you're thinking blackwell might have some political motivation here to drag this process out it is in fact ohio law and blackwell himself is a republican dan even more reason to say we move cautiously with ohio as we've said before we tried to learn from the experience in florida in 2000 that's one reason we're being so cautious in saying how ohio is going to go this time dan rather cbs news election headquarters in new york on the popular vote as of now so as of now with 57 110 110.5 million votes counted mr bush is winning 51 percent of the popular vote of mr kerry at 48 so george stephanopoulos here is i actually think you've already said it here's a very very significant thing for the president in terms of saying whatever he does in the next several days about a mandate if it turns out to be that and that he has won the popular vote that's a healthy margin it's i believe it's a bigger margin than

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it's a bigger margin than richard nixon had in 1968 a bigger margin than john kennedy had uh in 1960. it's not particularly close for an american president and also he's above 50 as i said earlier in the evening the first president since his father uh in 1988 to get 50 of the vote uh mark hoffman were just saying that uh the various democrats have gone to sleep also true over the reagan building we do not make to make fun of anybody at this time of of the night it is it is at five minutes to five eastern time this looks a little bit like a civil defense drill but the truth of the matter is those are people relaxing on the floor over at the reagan building while they wait for some decision some decision uh from the president about what he is going to say in the moment people going around with him and that is our correspondent to the white house terry moran outside the white house on his favorite blackberry he's been on there so long yes i know it's just the wind terry moran i want to go i want to go very oh that's him live i want to go very quickly to california no i'm afraid i don't have time to go to california we're going to go off the air in just a couple of minutes and return to regular programming we will come back on the air when something of import happens and almost everything that happens now is going to be of import but take a look at our national board this is way where things stand as of the moment as you heard john don victory in ohio and don't forget most of the the balloting in ohio was with the old punch card system that we saw in florida and the chads and we haven't even gotten to that stage yet of some some of the bat the spoiled ballots that have been thrown out that'll be challenged so we could be looking at chads again in ohio

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but as we were told ohio actually has a system to determine what is a real chat and what is a valid chat and what is a three-corner chat i'll be i'll be curious to see that you know we're not really arguing about a miscount here are we no no it's different we're not arguing about whether people were unfairly disenfranchised because they're uh their uh chad was two thirds or three quarters rather and we're not really arguing about this this is underground there are votes that haven't been counted yet the provisional ballots just haven't been counted yet it seems to me that uh they're looking at let's take a look at the bush headquarters of the party tonight and see if there's a there's as much uh pride this is what i like i knew this was coming people are actually lying on the floor they look like reveal this looks like one of these refugee centers that people are they're very well dressed of course waiting i mean they've been waiting for um for sure that's right for all these hours for the president to make an appearance but they must have known it's just going to be a close election you have to realize a lot of these people showed up at this party uh i just ran 12 x many hours ago when it looked like the president was going to lose the election these are the stalwarts

who went in here thinking their guy was going to lose the president united states was going to take a fall tonight and there they are taking it all themselves look at this this is this is going to be one of those life magazine pictures of the year i don't see his chest going up and down let's enjoy these pictures here they're uh look at these everybody's calling home um look at this that is your um we'll be right back uh with more life than that when we come back we're back from rockefeller center in just a moment after this so we're still waiting to see if there's going to be a final call for a state tonight that will activate a presidential celebration let me write do you have plain ordinary lips or vertical lines too close to call green column

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too close to call green column to the white column in which we don't have enough information yet to make any projection well we're trying to figure all this out right now wolf uh apparently what has happened is that the associated press which we've been telling our viewers all day they are the have been the source of these raw vote numbers for us calling in votes from actual counties all over the country they were feeding numbers into us and then suddenly those numbers changed uh in other words there was about i'm told a two to six thousand vote margin between president bush's position and john kerry's position and then that margin grew suddenly to an 11 000 vote margin and because of that we now want to make sure first of all we want to find out what happened and then determine uh that we want to stick with the too close to call we are we are reconsidering that right now wolf right now i'm told there is something like 20 000 provisional ballots provisional ballots outstanding in new mexico so technically with uh if if it is an 11 000 vote margin it's difficult that one candidate might make that up make up that difference john kerry but it's possible but if the margin is smaller of course it makes it makes it more likely if i'm being a little bit long-winded here but what i'm telling you is that the numbers changed and sometimes these things happen in a small population-wise state like new mexico 11 000 votes potentially could be a significant gap between bush and kerry right now but we did get an announcement judy from the secretary of state in new mexico saying they're going to hold off in making any formal declarations at least until tomorrow so they can continue counting ballots absentee ballots and other ballots that's right the uh the secretary of state's office that said

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state's office that said that they would hold off for a variety of reasons we have been told tonight wolfe both by the state of iowa their secretary of state for a variety of reasons some machine problems fatigue they said on the part of the election officials understandable under these circumstances they're closing down and new mexico had said that we were not going to hear any more from them wisconsin we are still waiting for more information on and it's possible there could be a call in wisconsin i can't give any more information right now but that's possible ohio is the is the one state though that we don't have any reason to believe we're going to be able to call because of that great big provisional ballot issue still hanging out there carlos wants a way in well you know one of the interesting things about new mexico is whether or not president bush ultimately wins this is a pretty significant achievement remember in new mexico there are about 200 000 more registered democrats than there are republicans they have a democratic governor one of the two u.s senators is a democrat so this is be a pretty meaningful achievement just to get this close again the other interesting thing about new mexico that we talked about before is that their provisional ballot rules are much more liberal remember there's been a debate over the last several weeks if someone fills out a provisional ballot but for example they're in the wrong precinct they're maybe in the right county but they're in the wrong precinct does that provisional ballot count new mexico is one of the places where at least it seems for the moment that it would count and that could end up becoming an interesting issue jeff well it just seems to me we're in this sort of state of suspended animation i think everybody understands what happened last night that it was a really remarkable victory for the republicans hold up hold that thought for a minute because i'm going to walk up here cnn is now ready to make another projection at this late hour in the morning cnn is now ready to project john kerry the winner of 10 electoral votes in wisconsin one of the few states still outstanding

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one of the few states still outstanding john kerry taking a state that al gore won four years ago 10 electoral electoral votes so let's take a look at the the board right now the race for the white house the electoral vote as we have it based on our projections bush with 254 electoral votes kerry with 252 electoral votes 270 needed to be elected that green dot you see on that map that's ohio we simply are saying it's too close to call right now we can't make a projection iowa the secretary of state in iowa says they're not going to be able to resume counting ballots until tomorrow we haven't been able to make a projection in iowa and new mexico the secretary of state they're saying they're going to hold off and continue counting ballots tomorrow as well so that's what you have 254 252 in the electoral college jeff wisconsin going for kerry according to our projection well what this does is is to make it very clear that this did all come down to ohio and one of the things i think that the democrats will be looking at is if this breaks if ohio breaks for for george w bush they would have looked and said you know a switch of 60 or 70 000 votes in ohio would have given the white house to carry even though he would have lost the popular vote by three and a half million votes it just won't it really illustrates the vagaries the electoral college but that's where we are now that's what we know and how the president in the next hour or two or three or four it is supposed to go to his supporters and say exactly what we got four million votes in the other guy we did great in the senate in the house i'm almost sure i won ohio and therefore the presidency because there's no there's no getting around that ohio is the difference now whoever wins ohio is the president of the united states and the odds are over because all those other states in the upper midwest minnesota michigan uh uh and wisconsin they all broke for for john kerry carlos uh yeah

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for for john kerry carlos uh yeah as jeff was saying before we knew wisconsin john kerry was at 242 and so one way or another getting the 20 electoral votes from ohio still would not have been enough to get him to 270 but the fact that he now has the 10 electoral votes from wisconsin at least we're projecting that um that puts him uh in a place that ohio could put him over the top probably probably only further intensifies the battle over ohio not not that it wasn't going to be intentional there are unanswered questions in ohio that have to be answered we don't know how many provisional ballots are out there we've heard all sorts of numbers being thrown out and when we spoke to the secretary of state of ohio hours ago now ken blackwell he himself didn't know how many provisional ballots are out there we've heard from democrats maybe a quarter of a million 250 000 we've heard from republicans maybe 100 125 000 some of them will be thrown out as invalid others will be kept but they're not even going to start counting those provisional ballots for 11 days well that's still that's still an awful big gap given what we know about the rest of the country but it does seem to me to make the point that was that jeffrey toobin was making earlier that that somebody's going to look at the numbers somebody's going to say just how many ballots are out there and if it's a if it's really like 120 or 130 000 in which case john kerry would have to get every one of them to overcome this lead they may have a different calculus than if it turns out there are 300 000 uh provisional ballots which could overcome this and remember the second door that jeffrey toobin talked about which democrats seem unlikely to want to knock on at the moment which is to request a recount and so to say let's go through the 88 counties including three quarters of them which use the old punch card system and say let's check that out again could be a public relations issue on a number of fronts but i suspect that given the mood of the

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i suspect that given the mood of the democrats tantalizingly they're they sense they might be close you're shaking your head when you don't think they'll ask for a recount 5 000 votes 10 000 votes sure 125 000 votes that's an awful lot it is it is a awful lot of votes and last time around when we were talking about florida as jeff correctly points out we were talking about a couple thousand at best that ultimately shrunk down to a couple hundred and the 537 when all was when all the complete the dust was settled by whoever counts those kinds of whoever counts those kinds of ballots so now we have to wait and see if the president of the united states is going to leave the white house tonight or this morning it's already getting light out light out there we're at times square we're beginning to see some light in the middle of new york city we're going to see if the president is still up does he still want to go over to the reagan center and and make a statement to

his supporters our white house correspondent diana basha's over there what are you hearing dana well well uh you know we saw the pictures here about an hour ago you saw the music blaring you saw the lights up i was just going to say that everything is much more quiet here but they're watching us so things have just gotten a little bit more lively here but certainly the people who have been here for 13 14 hours they have been waiting uh they've stopped serving drinks they've stopped serving food and they are still sort of as tired and as uh waiting in anticipation as we all are i've talked to some people over at the campaign over at busch cheney headquarters there are people over there sleeping on couches the senior staff they're huddled around a conference call talking to the folks at the white house everybody is trying to figure out what's going on and what to do whether or not the president is going to come over here it's very much up in the air at this point dan i assume the crowd behind you has sort of thinned out a little bit has it thinned out a little bit definitely you can see there are people sleeping on the floor kind of hanging out they're all saying that's not true i think we woke them up here a little bit wolf uh they're all they all want us to think and want us to see that

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want us to think and want us to see that they are very raucous they are very much ready for the president to go to come so perhaps uh we did a little bit of a service here to these guys to wake them up we want to see to make sure they don't fall asleep on the job over there they're strong supporters of the president of the vice president they're very enthusiastic i assume they would very much like to see the president and the vice president show up there but you're saying that's up in the air right now based on what you're hearing dana they're trying to figure it out as john king has been reporting and i've i've been hearing uh from the folks over at the campaign they are trying to figure out whether or not the president as we are hearing the president does want to come over here he does want to make a statement uh that's why we are still seeing people waiting here for that to potentially happen but they are certainly trying to figure out exactly what the numbers are on the ground well approaching 10 minutes after 5 on the east coast 5 a.m that would be john king's over at the white house the north lawn of the white house john what are you hearing now wolf i'm about to disappoint all those suddenly awake people behind dana bash so she might want to run for cover told by senior administration officials they have just made the decision here at the white house that the president will not go to the reagan building this morning his campaign chairman mark roscoe will soon make a statement in which he will talk quite optimistic to that crowd and say that the president believes he has won this election he believes in the end he will be over 280 electoral votes when all the votes are counted but that because so many states right now ohio iowa and excuse me new mexico still among them are not ready to say that this election is over that for now they will play this out for another day but that they believe they had won but it will not be the president of the united states despite his several requests to aids that let's go let's get over there and make that statement the president will not go his campaign chairman will make that statement we are told quite soon they will be quite optimistic they believe they have won this election but they also know especially given the experience of four years ago they need everyone in the country to believe it just as they say when they say it they want the country to believe it does that mean john we can presume this president's about to get some sleep

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president's about to get some sleep well the president usually hits the oval office about seven o'clock and gets his national security briefing remember he is not just a candidate for president he is the president but we will assume that he will get some sleep and perhaps start his day a little bit later today but this president you know he is very involved he was involved in his father's campaigns he was a campaign manager himself in his younger days he crunches the polls he looks at the precinct so if this is still an open question during the day and people are checking what's happening in ohio and in new mexico and in other states you can rest assured the president will be deeply involved in those details but perhaps a few hours shut up john stand by dana bash is over at the reagan center uh the uh headquarters for the bush cheney campaign i understand dana ed gillespie the chairman of the republican party just made a little announcement to everyone gathered there he just came out and said a couple more minutes but uh they've already seen our report and they're

starting to thin out a little bit here starting to uh to make their way out certainly as we've been saying that they have been here for hours and hours since maybe six or seven o'clock tonight but now that they know that the president is probably not going to be coming here they're starting to thin out here so we'll have to wait a little bit longer to see what the president has to say although as john king is saying mark roscoe the chairman of the bush cheney campaign may come over and make some sort of announcement we'll stand by to hear what he has to say john if you're still there let me get a little sense of the the drama that's been unfolding the decision-making process that the president must be going through one of the pros and cons of going ahead and saying i won to have clarity in the country to move forward as quickly as possible to make clear there will be no transition of power there are key decisions to be made about military offensive in iraq there are key decisions to be made if you are going to be the continuing president of the united states about a state of the union address that will come up in a month they would like to move as cleanly and as quickly as possible but those are the pros clean this up and move on make it clear the american people and the world that the united states has a president it is done and certain

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it is done and certain as soon as possible the cons of course everyone remembers the bitterness of four years ago everyone remembers those questioning the legitimacy of this president some democrats have done it since day one and they continue to question the legitimacy of this president this president that they've won and they're claiming victory but we have yet to see anybody make that appearance but as you reported just a while ago the the motor pool the uh the motorcade is standing by they're going to have to take those cars and you know put some more gas in them for a while but after a while here because they're they're still out there i assume with the motors running so i don't think they know quite what they're going to do right now but they're going to try to leave the impression that they have won because uh well that worked for him last time i mean i think it put him down the road toward toward a victory that eventually came when the supreme court finally take a break leslie stall after these messages stick in here with us [Music] uh he had been quoted a month ago saying taking out tom daschle is like leaning winning three seats against democrats so look for the republicans to really tout this success yeah no they really felt that he was a an adversary that they wanted to get out of there because he was so effective john thune made an appearance in south dakota earlier tonight and he's carried the state by approximately 150 000 votes and even if there's a 150 or 70 000 provisional ballots out there i think that it's very naive to expect that he would get enough votes traditionally in ohio election the provisional ballots follow along the same percentages as the vote uh totals and uh even with overseas ballots and military ballots candidates around the country but we've got a lot of work ahead of us now but we feel very fortunate to come out on top it took us until about four o'clock in the morning to get it all sorted out and i haven't seen the final vote tally but

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haven't seen the final vote tally but i think it's uh it's at least a margin that is comfortable enough for us to feel confident that we're going to be able to tech one or log on to and a christian conservative who barely lost to tim johnson uh just a couple of years ago pretty good accounting on election night and the votes that uh are counted uh after they come in on the overseas and the provisionals follow the same percentages as there are some ballots to be counted that are unusual that's because a judge when he heard that there were such long lines in some places three five even seven hours in knox county said they could be given paper ballots to fill out so they wouldn't have to continue to wait in line you're telling me that those votes are not part of this 10-day 11-day recount they would have already been counted the law in ohio require requires you to count all the ballots once you start counting them the only ones you don't count are the provisional ballots because they have to be checked against the registration records at the board of elections but every ballot that was cast yesterday at the precinct level has been counted and turned into the secretary of state now both of the republican senators u.s senators from ohio have issued a statement and they have said essentially john kerry should concede that he should not put the united states should not put the country through another protracted election what do you think about that statement well i think as as the chairman of the ohio republican party is i agree with the senators on that statement as chairman of the cuyahoga county board of

elections senator kerry is entitled to ask for a recount if he's in within the margin of error he's entitled to have witnesses observers when the count the official count is being made i think most of the boys would accommodate them he can do whatever he wants but the results are not going to change frustration that lingers from four years ago people who felt that maybe their vote wasn't counted and that the democrats maybe feel some

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and that the democrats maybe feel some sort of responsibility to those people in fact that's essentially what john edwards said tonight to make sure every vote is counted well first of all ohio is not florida we have bipartisan board of elections here we have two democrat two republican members that sell on every board we have a balance within the board employees at every board of elections it's equal number of democrats and republicans it's a checks and balance we know how to count hanging chads pregnant chad dimple chads in ohio and we do a pretty good job of counting votes in ohio and i think that that starts right at the secretary of state level and goes all the way down to our 88 county boards of elections well thank you very much for staying out here and i know it's been a long night for you bob bennett you're ready to go home get some sleep thank you so much for being with us uh we were reporting this earlier there is a team of lawyers that the carey campaign describes as the best of the best who's been brought into ohio we may hear more after they do their analysis tomorrow certainly they will be in touch uh with the kerry campaign and then we'll see what we hear from them sometime when when the sun comes up later on today amy randy back to you all right chris chance in cleveland ohio a state still in play at least in the democrats view at this hour also another big swing state that a lot of folks were looking at as we headed into this election night and now we're of course into the morning hours is wisconsin we want to head out to nbc's martin savage who is there in madison with the latest for us 10 electoral votes up for grabs there martin and still up for grabs it still is randy and amy are absolutely right i mean before the election began before the voting took place this was a state that was considered to be a toss-up and now that 99 percent of the ballots have been counted still considered to be a toss-up not exactly clear when the last one percent is going to be fully accounted for and when finally we will know who will win uh senator kerry is though leading and leading by about 12 to 14 000 votes so it is believed that he will probably win the

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believed that he will probably win the state of wisconsin and that's not out of keeping with the democratic tradition of the last three presidential elections it was clinton clinton and gore the way this state voted the three times previous so it is expected to go senator kerry's way but officially that has not happened as yet very heavy voter turnout as was the case in many states across the nation in fact it is that heavy voter turnout that complicated some things and there were some legal challenges that actually took place those were all resolved they did not turn into bitter legal battles so essentially they say that the election here in the state of wisconsin pretty much was problem free but one percent still waiting to be talent back to both of you all right martin savage with the latest for us we appreciate that martin another state still in play is new mexico new mexico down there in the southwest a state that president bush believed he would carry but again he is leading in new mexico he should save the latest polls but still too close to call there that's right nbc's josh makowitz is standing by where they are still counting the votes there in santa fe josh what's the latest well the counting has gone on the secretary of state's office this is where we are they've gone home and they're not expecting any more announcements until later this uh until later this morning perhaps even later than that president bush held a sizable lead here just a couple hours ago and with about 99 percent of the vote in his lead has been cut as some late democratic votes came in president was leading by like 29 30 000 votes just a couple of hours ago that lead now been cut to about 11 thousand votes which just plays up the importance of what's now going on and what's going to be going on later today which is the counting of thousands of absentee ballots there were 191 000 absentee ballots issued in the state of new mexico when the secretary of state's office left here a couple hours ago to go home and get some sleep they told us there were still

seventy thousand ballots that still had to be counted the campaign was to get the senate functioning again and by that same thing's happening in ohio you know so it's just mathematically not possible yeah chris and sasha got to take one of these hard breaks here uh coming right

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these hard breaks here uh coming right back with both of you just ahead also on fox and friends crunching numbers we'll look at some of the key states that could still decide this election come right back can things have happened tonight in terms of presidential election one the fact that the president won not just by half a percent or one percent in the popular vote but it looks like he's likely to end up close to 4 million votes ahead that's meaningful the fact that florida was not close by our numbers but apparently the president enjoyed a meaningful victory there that means something the fact that so far only new hampshire has switched you know this race is interesting on a number of levels we'll end up waiting on ohio um uh but a meaningful and memorable race ohio new mexico and iowa we're still waiting to get those results all right we'll take another quick break more coverage from the nasdaq market site new york city cnn election headquarters we'll be right back [Music] and they didn't say get together they're not going to wait for the networks to decide uh and and make an estimate on who won iowa or who won ohio they say that they they had told me earlier in the evening that once uh nevada was decided and we have called nevada that the president was going to declare victory they now say they're not going to say what they're going to say but they will do what they're going to do and i'm quoting here whenever they think it's appropriate to do it so it's that's a little different than it was a couple of hours ago when they were going to declare victory after nevada became clear in their minds they believe they've won nevada and we have estimated that they're going to win they also believe they've won ohio which we have not yet been ready to call they also are now saying that they believe they have won iowa which we have not yet decided to call and they stopped counting in iowa seven electoral votes they won't resume for some time now well very interesting but uh one wants to be

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to be generous and understanding both of these presidential campaign camps are under tremendous pressure and strain greater on carrie edwards because it certainly looks like george bush may wind up being reelected but also on the bush campaign because you know it is important what they say in the early hours of this next day of anything will help set a tone and whatever they say as time goes along if they are the winners will set a tone at least in the early going for the next administration so one could understand why they changed their mind and indeed they may have thought that by this time the kerry campaign might concede i don't think they really believed that was going to happen but kind of a wait-and-see attitude so one can understand that just after five o'clock in the morning that the people of the white house are saying you know what time out we're going to think it over then we'll decide what it is we're going to say dan rather at cbs news election headquarters in new york stay here with us we've got a lot more to cover for you as dawn approaches in new york city i deserve relief from my symptoms i'm asking my doctor georgia and in louisiana uh where bitter is leading yeah absolutely and so it's a clean sweep for the republicans in in the south uh the democrats gained a seat in colorado where ken salazar replaced ben knighthouse ben knighthorse campbell ohio iowa and new mexico the white house chief of staff andy card expected to head over a couple blocks away from the white house to the reagan center to speak to supporters there speak on behalf of the president we're standing by to hear what andy card may have to say we'll bring that live to our viewers david gergen joining us now we've said good morning

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joining us now we've said good morning to jeff greenfield he's going to get a couple hours of sleep before he's back on the air he's of course did an excellent job as he always does david did you anticipate it was gonna it was gonna fall out as it is falling out i sure as hell never anticipate doing early morning television like this no i didn't anticipate this i don't think any of us did the we looked at the polls over the last few weeks conventional wisdom was president gets 48 49 the final polls he's not going to get much more than that

maybe one percent more right in the actual election he got way over that and i think that left everyone sort of puzzled what the heck happened i i have yet to hear a theory of the case in effect for what happened why it really happened i mean we we have individual states we look at we know where he is but something happened here that's pretty dramatic and it's for the democrats it's more than just the candidate now i would make this argument the the white vote is about 80 of the national vote bush won by 15 last time around he won by a much smaller margin that went up considerably but the democrats haven't won a majority of the white vote since 1964 in a presidential election they haven't won a majority of the national vote 50 or more since 1976. yeah this is a party that's got some serious questions how do you get a majority of americans to support it it's a big big question since since 1994 in the congressional elections this is the sixth one now they in six congressional elections in a row i don't think they've broken 48.5 percent of the total vote so here's going to be one of the critiques that we'll hear uh tomorrow and going forward assuming the democrats lose they'll say for the second time in a row they snatched uh defeat from the jaws of victory right they'll say that al gore was coming off a two-term democratic presidency with prosperity with peace wouldn't use bill clinton well and ultimately uh won the popular vote but lost that election they'll say here came john

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election they'll say here came john kerry with a war that clearly wasn't popular mixed at best with an economy that while getting better was still somewhat troubled and particularly in places like ohio where the unemployment rate was higher than the 5.4 percent national average and still he couldn't ultimately deliver and so i think one of the other pieces you're going to hear is are we choosing the wrong candidates are we choosing the ivy league educated you know straight tall and erect guys who ultimately aren't connecting in the way that bill clinton did aren't connecting uh maybe in the way that a uh uh uh governor from plains uh once upon a time did and i think you're gonna hear that critique again that we've got to choose not only policy but personality going forward i don't want to jump ahead though we haven't yet projected ohio that's going to make all the difference in the world the only thing we've concluded so far it's too close to call we can't call it's a green state as far as we're looking at all those numbers we don't know how many provisional ballots there are are out in ohio we don't know where they're going to come down how many will be accepted how many will go for bush how many will go for a carry your sort one of our viewers writes in and asked this question because of the situation in ohio with these provisional ballots that's what we're hearing um the count shows about a hundred thousand plus uh votes for president bush that state still not being called though and carries uh camp not conceding it because of the issue of provisional ballots explain that well i mean we have these ballots they're not the same as absentee ballots they're provisional ballots that could be rejected so someone who goes in and says you know this is my polling place i'm not registered here and it's up in the air how many of them will be counted how they'll break and how many that's really out still but why is it an issue right now in ohio for example in pennsylvania it looks like john kerry pulled out a win in in in pennsylvania by 120 000 votes there's no provisional value provisional ballot issue in that state

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provisional ballot issue in that state it's oh there are provisional ballots in that state uh they're not estrogen as they are in ohio in ohio i wanted to work out it has nothing to do with who won and who lost i just thought that it'd be better if we could have a cleaner result for you tonight but that's how the system is in this country it's very often uneven and what has been a real privilege for me is to be here not just every four years but every two years as well on congressional election nights it's always reaffirming because of you because when the system goes off the tracks it didn't go off the tracks as completely tonight as it did four years ago you're there you're patient and you take your time and you have forbearance with all of us and with the politicians as well and at the end of a night like this what i'm really struck by is that for all the emotion in the carry campaign there are no troops in the streets in boston no tanks rumbling anywhere around his hotel no one's going to go to jail as a result of what's going on in this contest in ohio we'll work it out not everyone will be happy with the results but somehow they'll find a way to deal with this country and whoever wins and that agenda for the next four years and try to put their party back together again and for me having done this for 42 years i find it nothing less than awe-inspiring to sit here and share that information with you and i am so grateful to you for

not just the opportunity to do it but the graciousness with which you have accepted me into your homes into your lives i'll be around for a while yet but this is my last election night in this chair but as you saw tonight we've got a great team coming up and most of all as these guys know the real heroes are back here behind the cameras and behind

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back here behind the cameras and behind the scenes i'll see you later on the today show chris matthews is coming up in a few moments and of course later tonight on nbc nightly news [Music] the fx from infinity hospital infections in the spring before we knew who the president was all right well then we'll keep your number in the file effects just in case hopefully that won't be the case i hope not thank you so much though for being with us we appreciate it and still ahead we talked to south dakota senator elect john thune he beat longtime senator tom daschle we're going to talk about that plus we'll take a legal look at the ballot battle in ohio stay with us 13 hours now good morning to you welcome to the second half hour of daybreak that's technically from the cnn global headquarters in atlanta i'm carol costello let's take a look at the headlines first shall we ohio still undecided because of the question over provisional ballots those ballots involve voters whose names did not show up on a registration list undecided at this point abc's lauren rogers has been here in washington following the bush campaign how they're reacting to all of this of course it's been a long night both for the bush campaign and the media following the story let's go to lauren now for the very latest again she is standing here in washington at the reagan center where there had been we hope a victory celebration or a victory speech it didn't happen we are having some technical difficulties with lauren we believe she's standing by in the meantime we can tell you the same in boston where crowds of kerry suborders had gathered there to watch and wait to hear from senator kerry they instead heard from john edwards we will hear from him coming up again let's get back to lauren rogers who's here in washington with more on the bush campaign michigan at this hour with 51 of the vote

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one more goes up in the blue category for john kerry and there it is 238 electoral votes for john kerry 269 for george bush still watching very closely the western states of nevada and new mexico and still way out there in the east coast new hampshire has not come in with an official winner in the state of new hampshire as of yet of course that's in john kerry's backyard his home state of massachusetts and that also a very very close vote total at this time and jacques i was going to ask you in just a moment we see just 269 electoral votes for the president we do want to mention though before as we go through some of these swing states still in play right now new hampshire with 95 percent of the vote in provisional ballots remember those about us people came to the polls trying to vote someone at the post challenged them and under federal law they said okay you vote over here but it's a provisional vote we'll decide later whether it's legal so while it's mathematically in theory possible for john kerry to carry ohio uh it's odds against and that's the reason the bush team is pressing so hard on having andrew card come over and make some kind of public announcement because they'd like to get it started that listen we've won and the greatest thing for the carrie edward sticker to do would be to concede however as long as ohio has not officially counted all its votes and made some decision at least in the coming hours and perhaps days as it we now stand it appears unlikely they're going to concede although the pressure will be on them to do so ed bradley and we took a look at the the time that people made their decision and you can see why the candidates were out so frenetically in the last month particularly the last a week of this campaign this uh election 78 of those in our exit polls said they made up their minds more than a month ago that's four out of every five voters and president bush won those 52 to 47

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president bush won those 52 to 47 percent comparing that with the last election in 2000 69 decided more than a month before the election and senator kerry had the best closing argument of the 11 percent who made up their minds in the very last week of this campaign he won them 53 to 45 let's check in with the bush and kerry campaign headquarters first wyatt andrews at the white house wyatt does it mean waiting until all

of the votes in ohio that were cast yesterday are counted or waiting for all of those provisional ballots a process that may take up to 10 days we will probably not hear anything more definitive from the carry camp until around 10 o'clock this aft this morning back to you okay rob reynolds in boston thank you let's hop at least with a strategy to win but also with an eye towards an exit strategy how long do they draw this out well you know draw it out as an emotional term but but i think that they have to to conduct it in a dignified way because for the public this this process has been going on since last january and it's been hammering on and so i think the public wants a swift resolution of this in any direction and rich as a republican strategist is it now the republicans move to just sit back and wait i mean they're feeling very comfortable what's going on is it up to the democrats to concede before the republicans make a move no i don't i don't think so i think i think republicans wait a reasonable amount of time frankly until one of these other states come in whether it's iowa or nevada or new mexico and as soon as the total exceeds 270 i think it's legitimate for the republicans especially the bush campaign to declare victory and then the kerry campaign can do whatever it wants i agree with jacques that the the caring campaign is in a very precarious position here uh the the fact is that that we have been talking about this since about midnight and the fact is there is not enough there are not enough votes out there to real to realistically change ohio

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real to realistically change ohio uh the and for the kerry campaign to try to somehow man that's the same thing jim what do you know what are you here what do you think well dan as election day threatens to stretch into election week we're kind of dealing with the same situation that wyatt andrews is talking about and that is the managing of the impression you have the managing of whatever is happening in terms of the reality of the votes then you also have the managing of the public impression that you're going to create based on how you handle the situation in the carrie edwards case they have to worry about how to proceed tomorrow in terms of how far to push this thing because they certainly have to keep in mind the election four years ago and the feeling among many of the democratic party faithful that the gore lieberman team sort of gave up the ghost a little too early on the other hand they can't afford to be looking to push into areas that uh it's interesting that white used that word unseemly because i think that the uh the kerry edwards team runs that risk as well so whatever they're going to do as we've been saying now for the last couple of hours we're probably not going to get too much insight into that uh for another couple of hours because they have said expect to hear nothing before 10 o'clock tomorrow morning or i guess i should say a little later this morning dan well jim axelrod making it clear is why i understood before that in both camps now it's advantage bush he's breathtakingly close to being able to point to a certified bonafide victory but he's not quite there yet it'll be a battle for hearts and minds as we get into the daylight hours and one can hear paul's in both camps saying whatever you're going to do don't do it in the wee hours of the morning you know there is that old saying that it's true that politicians hangmen and journalists all do their best work after midnight but when it turns to trying to convince people of a certain position be better to get in the daylight where people are awake and maybe you know eight nine ten o'clock in the morning who can say but let me go here to the reporter's notebook i want to talk to bob schieffer

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notebook i want to talk to bob schieffer in a moment but i'm so concerned that people may say you know you're carrying me faster i don't quite understand where we are remember it takes 270 electoral votes to win right now that means that george bush needs a 16. john kerry needs 28. now ohio has not been settled if you go to ohio and if george bush should carry ohio he'd be over the top the 20 electoral votes would do it for him there but here's the situation that even if george bush does not carry ohio let's just say that ohio goes for john kerry then george bush would need to win and and he could still get over the top if if he carried wisconsin's 10 electoral votes if if george bush got wisconsin's 10 and they're hanging out there and he got iowa's seven they stopped counting in iowa that last count george bush was winning so that a combination of wisconsin and iowa would put george bush over the top even if he doesn't carry ohio on the other hand if let us say wisconsin turns out going for john kerry then george bush would still be needing you know nine seven out of iowa and five out of um new mexico would uh would put him right there but both sides are pointing at

ohio because it has the 20 electoral votes just want to make clear that we understand as we go into this karen needs 28 bush needs 16. bush wins ohio it's all over kerry wins ohio he still needs eight more electoral votes which he'd have to get out of either wisconsin's 10 or a combination of iowa 7 and new mexico's 5. that's why we say while we have not said in our cbs news estimate that george bush is the winner it's clearly shaded in that direction bob schieffer well more information coming from the

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well more information coming from the white house we're getting it now from multiple sources our reporter mark knoller says that the white house will announce that the president is convinced that he has won but will not declare victory well we already know he and the vice president have both gone to bed for the evening we hear from our man jeff goldman who is down at the reagan building that the white house chief of staff andy card is on the way down there we understand any card is at the reagan building in washington let's check to see whether that report is true white andrews is he there yet apparently we don't know we may approve trigger vince andrew card here he is that president bush has won re-election with at least 286 electoral college votes and he also had a margin of more than three and a half million popular votes president bush's decisive margin of victory makes this the first presidential election since 1988 in which the winner received a majority of the popular vote and in this election president bush received more votes than any presidential candidate in our country's history republicans also scored other great victories in this election we won important victories adding to our majority in the house and adding to our majority in the senate

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in ohio president bush has a lead of at least 140 000 votes the secretary of state's office has informed us that this margin is statistically insurmountable even after the provisional ballots are considered so president bush has won the state of ohio president bush has also been declared the winner in nevada the other victories that he has had will be added with the strong showing of margins that we are looking at in iowa and new mexico and we're also going to put those states in the winners column as well this all adds up to a convincing electoral college victory as well as a strong endorsement of president bush by his fellow americans in the popular vote president bush decided to give senator kerry the respect of more time to reflect on the results of this election the president will be making a statement later today again i thank all of you who stayed up these many hours waiting for the opportunity to celebrate this victory and i also thank all of the volunteers all across this great country that work so

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across this great country that work so hard but most importantly i thank the many voters who participated in this important election it was a great celebration of our democracy thank you and god bless you andrew card chief of president reagan president bush's white house staff comes over to the those who have stuck it out all night long waiting to celebrate and uh in effect declaring victory now you heard him say and whether this turns out to be the case or not we'll have to wait and see but you heard andrew card say that president bush in the final analysis it's their belief they are convinced that he will win uh with a commanding lead in actual votes counted we'll put up the actual votes counted and show you what he's talking about there in just a moment but in terms of the electoral votes andrew card is saying we feel confident that we are going to carry ohio with its 20. iowa with its seven and new mexico with its five that would give them a total of 286 electoral votes doing the arithmetic in my head with wisconsin remaining undecided so it's the bush cheney team saying we got it won we got it made ohio iowa new mexico isn't even going to be close regardless of what wisconsin does now on the votes in encountered we'll show you what the national vote looks like and this is why andy card was saying not only will it be a rather substantial electoral college victory in the opinion of the bush cheney campaign but this is the way the votes in encountered look at this moment and president bush has a substantial lead one would say an insurmountable lead in the actual vote count nationwide so andy card is sent out to do his job he's one of the people closest to president bush

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closest to president bush sent out to tell the crowd and send an early signal to the nation we think we've won and then he said you could call it gracious if you like you call it condescending if you didn't like it said the president wants to do the classy thing and give his opponent more time to ponder what it is he's going to do now bob schieffer have we ever seen this before a unilaterally declaring victory in effect well i haven't uh i can't recall a night quite like this we all said we hoped we didn't have a night like 2000. well we certainly didn't did we that that was something that remains unique and and as far as i know i've never seen anything quite like this he is saying that uh that this is a win is a majority of the popular vote that more votes than any presidential candidate in history has ever received of course the population gets larger and larger i think lyndon johnson still holds the record for the largest landslide in electoral votes if i remember in 1964 but there's no question the president has received a you know a sizable majority here 3.8 million in the popular vote and they are claiming that he has also won by a very substantial margin in the electoral votes i guess what we have to do now is wait and see that all these votes are counted and and see if what they say and what they claim is true but they you know i just talked to the white house a while ago and they said they were not going to base anything on any concession statement or waiting for a concession statement well obviously the president says he wants to wait for a concession statement but they're claiming victory no no no way around it i could be wrong but i believe that ronald reagan had a bigger electoral vote victory because my recollection is in 1984. he may have mondale carried only one state the state of minnesota but uh president johnson may have had the largest percentage vote that's what i the plan so far as we can make it out

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the plan so far as we can make it out folks as per andy card is that president bush is going to declare victory saying listen i've won the national vote the actual votes nationwide counted that i'm going to wind up with at least 286 electoral votes the way he would get to that we have president bush now our estimate is he has 254 if he wins iowa which andy card says are absolutely convinced in the end they will get that will give them 20. iowa where they were leading the count when the account was suspended because among other things some faulty machines or machine problems and when new mexico so it's 20 in ohio seven and iowa five and new mexico added to the president 254 that would put him at 286 regardless of what wisconsin does with its 10 electoral votes so that's the arithmetic on which they're basing this now you can you can bet uh that the kerry edwards team is going to have something to say before the day gets too far along what they're going to say well we'll just have to wait and see we'll have more a lot more just after these messages so stay here with us [Music] president bush in those three counties but in an all-important i-4 corridor from tampa saint pete to daytona beach the majority of those 700 thousand undecided i will make up my mind at the last minute voters a good chunk of those went for president bush in greater numbers now here in palm beach county home of that butterfly about at 2 000. the new wrinkles seem to be the more than 100 000 absentee ballots as many as 70 000 have yet to be counted there will be as we understand hundreds of you probably are what inspired people to go to the polls what inspired them to vote the way they did msnbc's allison stewart has been looking at some of that exit poll information she joins us now with the details on that allison thanks so much randy amy here in the tracking center we're looking at how the two candidates did fare in ohio during the bush years 16 percent of its manufacturing jobs been lost since march of 2001. let's look at those polls our nbc exit poll in ohio finds voters

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our nbc exit poll in ohio finds voters with a high level of unhappiness regarding the state's economy places that are still up in the air and may be headed to the courts when we come right back now playing at the kodak theater full term easily defeating republican rancher al king and in georgia republican johnny isakson was elected to a first term in the senate he replaces democrat zell miller it looks like those get out the vote campaigns got results record numbers of people registered for the 2004 election now according to the bureau of labor statistics that includes 16.5 million new voters who've turned 18 since the last election the electorate also increased more than 17 percent in the key battleground state of florida ohio's vote while montana became the 10th state to approve the idea liz now back to you thank you very much the markets

are reacting very positively so far to what is expected to be a victory for president bush but should investors expect a long lasting rally we will discuss that and more next and we want to hear from you as well it was interesting to those who watched these election results come in and those who actually visited the polls was the lack of the youth vote remember the 29 to 18 age group the get out the vote apparently the percentage of those voting seventeen percent mirrors the seventeen percent in two thousand so that attempt to get more young people to vote at least in this election did not come to fruition right now at this hour though as we mentioned there are still six states in play too close to call at least i actually i think they're now down to five because we did call michigan just a few moments ago there's a look at those states that are still in play at this hour nevada new mexico iowa new hampshire all still in play at this hour and here's where it gets interesting nevada and new mexico and iowa are all at least at this point in the morning in the bush category some 10 000 to 12 000 votes separating him

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000 votes separating him in new mexico about 15 000 votes separating him from john kerry in iowa and nevada much the same story he needs to take one of those to push him over the 269 which he has right now to broach the 270 magical electoral college number i also did leave out the state of wisconsin which is leaning kerry at this hour as well i knew you'd be upset about that let's take a look at the electoral vote totals at this hour as we know it there is the president with 269 of course he needs that magic 270 john kerry at this hour with 238 electoral votes all right let's talk to a couple people back here this year we have a few people who have amazing ladies early can you follow us guys stayed with us here throughout tonight all right ohio still believes from the carrie edwards camp that it is in play you're here still supporting your candidate what are you thinking right now do you think that it's a realistic uh realistic approach to think that john kerry can still win this election yes i do and why because we've been out here this long and it keeps getting better and better yeah let me ask you optimistic why have you been out here and what have you seen what has it been like what has this experience been like for you out here in democracy plaza well i'm right here because i support kerry 100 i hope he'll be the next president of the united states i really love the guy i think he wanted to do something for america i see him when he was young standing up in front of a president in front of the whole world again against uh the one vietnam and i believe that this man could be a better commander than let me ask him let me what is your first name leslie um if john kerry does not win this election are democrats willing to bring this nation together we've been apart we've been a divided nation for many months now over this election are democrats willing to come together realize that we have four more years of president bush if in fact that's the way it turns out and bring this country together speak for everybody but hopefully i don't know i can't speak for everybody but god help us can you speak for yourself on that front

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yourself on that front god help us if he does win is that a no you don't believe you can can rectify some of the divide that has separated this nation i don't think so now you all have been out here all night correct so and i want to ask you because earlier we saw quite a bit of rivalry going on what was that like i saw a lot of bush supporters out here earlier you all obviously have stuck it out a little bit later but tell me what that was like i think some people on both sides are a little more vociferous and a little more emotional and at that moment tempers were raised people were tired they'd been here all night but it seems to have calmed down and i think the people here are we're having some good communication between both sides and sharing some ideas and that's what this is supposed to be about what what about the democratic party in general quick one quick question the democratic party if they do not win this election has some healing to do the democratic party needs to come together on some fronts on some issues what do you believe the democratic party needs to do in this country right now to bring its forces together to bring its people together in the next election if that's possible well i think that too um we need to like sort of like revisit our ideas of like morality um that that seems to be like the great divide within the democratic party so um some more conversation there more conversation about tolerance within the party um i it's most disheartening to see like what is happening in the south which i definitely felt morality was um one of the divisive issues and why we lost some of those states all right well thank you very much how long do you guys plan on staying out here i

have to ask you that what does it take long until we get something all right we can probably help you out with that thank you guys we appreciate it we want to recap of course what we know at this hour as we mentioned five states now still too close to call at this hour we can go through those dates for you we can let everyone know exactly what we're looking at as we go into the morning hours here too close to call iowa with 99 percent in right now the vote difference just over 15 000 the president with the edge on that one and also too close to call in the state

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and also too close to call in the state of i'm going to guess here and say nevada too close to call there about 10 000 votes separating them in nevada also in new mexico you mentioned iowa we've got new hampshire still in play and wisconsin so we are going to hand things over to imus in the morning they're going to take over after we get to this break yeah it's going to come up pretty quick here but the one thing we want to talk about from democracy plaza throughout the morning here is the counting of these final votes again the state of ohio is the one to watch if the democratic party concedes there by individual to make these decisions let's if that then is taken the next step we're in a court situation where for example the democrats would try to get people together who would say look i went to the polls and i was harassed by the poll watchers and forced to you know to sign one of these provisional ballots i should never have even been put in that position right look for that kind of case okay and it says that the provisional ballots are only counted when the margin of victory is smaller than the number of provisional ballots cast so we not have that exactly we need to know how many ballots we have exactly all right so a lot going on it's almost six o'clock a.m uh eastern time and we still do not know who is president of the united states today terry anne thank you so much for being with us oh you're welcome perfect guys thank you as well okay just had on fox and friends the presidential election has come and gone not quite there's still no winner yet we have the election at 269 electoral votes and counting 270 needed to win so we're going to be live in the key states for breaking results uh four states still up in the air right now from fox news and we're going to bring you more information on that plus how did the sunshine state handle this election far from what happened in 2000 we're going to talk to florida congressman mark foley coming up stay tuned the a team is coming in in just a second stephen bryant [Music] you're watching daybreak for wednesday november 3rd

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